EMPLOYMENT ASSURANCE SCHEME (EAS)

Year	Resources Available (Rs. in Lakhs)	Resources Utilised (Rs. in Lakhs)	Mandays Generated (in lakhs)
1993-94	54876.56	18375.03	494.74
1994-95	177526.53	123545.28	2739.56
1995-96	267145.00	171730.90	3450.73
1996-97 (Upto March, 96)	101258.92	9797.07	214.67

[Translation]

National City

5314. SHRI SOHAN BEER : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to declare some of the cities as national city;

(b) if so, whether the Government have received any representations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Planning Commission proposes to allocate special funds for improvement of living standard in these cities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise, in view of the above.

[English]

Thermal Power Project at Bandhpali

5315. KUMARI FRIDA TOPNO : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to set up a thermal power station at bandhpali near Sundergarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal to invite foreign Investors to take up the project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Rural Development Projects

1516. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the rural development projects pertaining to Goa which are pending for approval with the Government; and

(b) the time by which the Government would like to clear all the proposals from Goa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) No rural development project pertaining to Goa is pending for approval with the Government.

(b) question does not arise.

Water Shortage in Jammu and Kashmir

5317. SHRI MANGAT RAM SHARMA : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) the amount released by the centre to overcome water shortage in city as well as in villages to Jammu during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government has drawn and plan to solve the water problem; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme for small towns having population of less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census); two water supply schemes at a total project cost of Rs. 155.10 lakhs have been sanctioned so far for towns Qazingund and Billawar of Jammu & Kashjmir and the following amounts have been released so far.

1993-94	Rs. 25.32 lakhs
1994-95	—
1995-96	Rs. 48.45 lakhs